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The Honorable William S. Cohen
Vice Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6475

Dear Mr. Vice Chairman:

In response to your letter of 6 May 1988 concerning prepublication review of manuscripts by former Committee staffers, I welcome your expression of interest and concern. As you know, the protection of intelligence furnished to the oversight committees from disclosure in subsequent publications by former employees concerns us deeply as well.

I want to assure you that we are prepared to fully support and assist the Committee's efforts in this area. To this end, we plan to contact the Committee staff shortly to offer our views and suggestions as to how the prepublication review process can be carried out in the most effective and expeditious manner possible.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Senator David L. Boren.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence